Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Improvement of Koovapadam area and the drainage scheme of Mattancheri.

NEW ROAD TO THE BURMA SHELL OFFICES—COST OF CONSTRUCTION

195. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will Government be pleased to state the amount of expense incurred in connection with the construction of the new road leading to the Burma-Shell Offices and Installation ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The expenditure so far incurred amounts to Rs. 1,178.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know what exactly will be the total amount required to finish the work?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: The estimated amount is Rs. 2,700.

GOVERNMENT CARS—NUMBER OF

196. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Will Government be pleased to state the number of cars belonging to Government ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: 26.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: Of these 26 cars, may I know whether one car is stationed in Madras?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: Yes. One car has has been stationed at Madras.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur)*: May I know from where exactly the Chevrolet cars were purchased?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer)*: From the Chevrolet agents, Messrs. Stanes & Co. at Coimbatore.

SHORANUR-COCHIN RAILWAY—RENEWALS AND REPLACEMENTS IN 1115—EXPENDITURE ON

197. Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the amounts spent for renewals and replacements and repairs in the Shoranur-Cochin Railway in 1115 ;

(*b*) of these amounts, what is the total amount spent on sleepers ?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) A sum of Rs. 87,589 was spent in the year 1939-40 towards renewals as distinguished from maintenance.

(*b*) Rs. 82,754—13—11.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* May I know what will be the cost of these sleepers if all of them are replaced?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):* I want notice.

DEPARTMENTAL TESTS—TALUK-WAR STATEMENT OF CANDIDATES

198. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of candidates appearing for the Departmental Tests from, and from the offices of, Trichur, Talappalli and Chittur Taluks;

(*b*) the number appearing from the other Taluks;

(*c*) the amount spent this year as T. A., supervision allowance, etc., for officers coming down from the Taluks referred to above in sub-division (*a*);

(*d*) amount spent for others;

(*e*) whether there is any objection for having the examination in two centres?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts):*

(*a*) 147.

(*b*) 122.

(*c*) Rs. 231—7—7.

(*d*) Rs. 62—13—0.

(*e*) Under the existing arrangement, the printing of question papers for a day's examination is done in the Government Press that morning itself, and the Press staff connected with the printing are let out only half an hour after the last paper on the day has been issued to candidates. This arrangement has obvious advantages. There is no necessity for two centres.

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